Nationals May Be Leading League at End of Series With Western Teams

SHOULD MAKE IT FOUR STRAIGHT

Nationals Have Good Chance to Win Final Game Today With Young Pitcher In.

MAY LEAD LEAGUE AT END OF WESTERN TRIP

On Form. Boston and Athletics Have No Call to Win From Griffith's Men.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEW YORK, April 21.-While there is never anything certain about base ball. the chances are that the Nationals willmake it four straight here today, notwithstanding the fact that Griffith will se one of his young pitchers.

his game, for the Nationals are a so much better team than the Yankees that they can even shoulder the handicap of

The kind of base ball that the Nationals at the top of the list if it continues. There s no fault to find with the general playng of the team. It has shown a flash of championship form ever since the seaon opened, and if its pitchers hold up their end it would not be at all surprising to find the team leading the procession even after it returns from its next

take three of the four games which Boson is scheduled to play in Washington this week, beginning Tuesday. Then comes the trip to Philadelphia and Boston, on which four games will be played in each

eason why the western contingent should be feared. The Nationals have sixteen

scored that one tally.

able to use his showing this season as an

The Nationals' infield practice previous

to the game is attracting a lot of at-

team its first swing around the entire circuit and a good line on the relative

t ought to be in a fine position to make fight during the month that it will be at known

To date only Johnson, Groom and | three of them have made good and are nounce them the best battery in the hissure to be winners this season, but it tory of the game. There is so much pect to make a fight for a pennant with it seems to be no effort for them to go will depend on what sort of work some tires. He finishes just as strong as he Griffith needs at least five pitchers be considerable of a strain on a backstop.

their best to have a chance. In the first inning Saturday Ainsmith Cashion is proving this spring that he is ran to both ends of the big grandstand not a cold-weather man. He needs the at full speed twice after fouls, a hard sun's hottest rays to bring him into real proposition when the fact is considered this pair of husky lads show to advan- fast balls took a sudden shoot toward the lacks the actual playing strength. and Gallia may prove a sensation when the crowd, which realized that when last place he will do wonders he gets to working regularly. So there Johnson is pitching a catcher's hand is really nothing to worry about so far might be torn off. But such things do as the pitching staff is concerned, for not hurt Ainsmith. Griff appears to be well fortified in this

That this is to be Johnson's banner tention. Under Griffith's instructions year seems assured. The big fellow has these practices are made as fast as is

want.

show this week for these

this week will get them.

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pitched better ball this spring than ever possible. Not only do they please the before at this season of the year, and he crowds, but they have a discouraging efis going to show even better form as the fect on the opposing team. Griff hits to the fielders in such a way that they To date Walter has been scored on but are forced to make circus plays on most

Previous to that he had worked five innings against the Phillies and shut them Altrock holds down first and Schaefer to 2, yesterday in a thrilling game. Both Norseman sets out to Bosco a bunch out, while the Giants had a similar ex- plays short. Schaefer makes his throws perience when they faced him for six to first behind his back and Altrock rounds. Saturday he showed more than catches behind his back. This sort of unsteady, but the Detroit pitcher kept and a hank of hair. And we must not on previous occasions and shut out New horse play brings a lot of applause for the St. Louis hits well scattered, while overlook the fact that Washington has Catholic U., Georgetown, M. A.

strength of the teams should be obtained He has a new contract to make next win- part of the pitchers of both the Boston trip, and the chances are it will do better, argument why he should be the highest- going to find any easy picking. Neither gled, advanced on Wallace's bunt and salaried pitcher the game has ever of them has played a game in which scored on Agnew's drive to center. In each side has not been forced to use two the eighth Veach, by a magnificent or more pitchers, which would indicate throw, caught Pratt at the plate, but! McGraw says that a pitching staff is that their twirlers are far from being in McKee dropped the ball after the um- 30 per cent of a club, and on this percent-Base ball men who have seen Johnson | condition. Griffith's players are filled pire waved the runner out, and the age Griffith seems to have a shade on Hughes have had a chance to show. All and Ainsmith in action this spring pro- with confidence and expect to win a majority of the games from their bitterest

Chance, of course, will be censured for but three reliable pitchers, so that much through a ball game. Ainsmith never the poor showing of the New York club, f much aid to the team until such con- of paraphernalia which he wears for pro- or players of that class in the local outshould have a much improved year. If thereby. In one inning one of Johnson's have as a manager is of no avail if he there is nothing to fear from the right and Ainsmith caught the sphere time Chance will build up a winner here Boehling, too, has a chance, with his bare hand, to the wonderment of but if he gets the present bunch out of

> STANDING, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

once this spring. It was in the opening of the balls and this always proves engame at Washington that New York joyable.

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Cleveland	6	3	.667	.700	.6 0
Chicago	5	5	.500	.545	.455
Detroit		5	.444	.5.0	.49
St. Louis	4	6	.400	.455	.364
Boston			.286	.375	.250
New York.	1	- 5	.167	.286	.143

NATIONAL LEAGUE.									
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Philada	3	1.	.759	.833	.630				
Pittsburgh.	5	2	.714	.750	.623				
New York.	4.	2	.667	.714	.571				
Chicago	5	3	.625	.667	.556				
St. Louis		4	. 19	.500	.375				
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	.590	.333				
Boston	1	4	.200	.333	. 67				
Cincinnati.	1	5	.167	.286	.143				
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(ESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Detroit 3 St. Louis Cleveland 2 Chicago 1 NATIONAL LEAGUE. Pittsburgh...5 | St. Louis....4

Chicago 3 | Cincinnati... SCHEDULES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. TOMORROW. Wash. at New York.
Boston at Philadelphia.
Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. TODAY.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
New York at Boston.
Phila. at Brooklyu.
TOMORROW.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Brooklyn at Boston.
Phila. at New York.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Batteries-Burns, Liebardt, Young, Olmstead and Owens: George and Krueger.

St. Paul. St.

American League Games.

Detroit Trims St. Louis. DETROIT, April 21.—Bush's whistling

off Mullin, 6. Hit by pitched bah. By Baum-gardner, McKee. Struck out By Baumgardner, 2: by Mullin, 3. Umpires Messrs. Hildebrand never before did a big league company

Cleveland Bunches Hits.

cago. 2 to 1. Walsh was unable to settle himself, and after three innings retired in favor of Cicotte, who was al- | velt will develop into master minds. most invincible. He allowed the visit-Pitcher Gregg weakened in the seventh, and after two men were out three consecutive singles, which netted

Bodie was applauded when he ran to deep center and caught Lajole's long fly at his knees. The score:

Runs scored-By Johnston, Olsen, Schalk, Two-base hits-Johnston and Olsen, Double plays-Walsh to Borton; Chapman to Johnston, First Walsh to Borton; Chapman to Johnston. First base on bails—Off Gregg, 4; off Cleotte, 1. Struck out—By Gregg, 3; by Cleotte, 6. Umpires—Messrs. O'Loughlin and Ferguson.

National League Games.

Pirates Overcome Lead.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 21.-After St Louis scored four runs in the third inning yesterday it failed to score again, Smith and Riddell Lead in Doubles while Pittsburgh hit St. Louis' pitchers timely and took advantage of local errors, winning, 5 to 4. St. Louis scored its runs when, with

the right-field seats for a home run. Catcher Gibson retired from the game in the second inning. He ran into the grandstand in catching a foul fly and Runs scored-Carey, Miller, McCarthy, Keile;

the bases full, Magee drove the ball into

O'Toole, Huggins, Magee, O'Leary and Harmon,
Three-base hit—Miller, Home run—Magee, Stolen
base—Carcy, Double play—Huggins and Konetchy, Bases on balls—Off O'Toole, 4; off Robinson, 1; off Harmon, 3. Struck out—By O'Toole,
4; by Robinson, 5; by Harmon, 1. Umpires—
Messrs, Brennan and Eason.

Chicago Makes Hits Count.

Egan's error in the eighth proved costly, inasmuch as it was really the cause of two of the visitors' runs. Both Benton and Suggs were effective. Cheney

was hit fairly hard, but Cincinnati could do nothing with Lavender. Bates' home run scored one for Cincinnati in the opening inning. Chicago tallied one on Bridwell's triple and Archer's single in the fifth. Cincinnati also got one in that inning when Clark singled

Chicago scored two in the eighth when, with one out. Egan fumbled Mitchell's grounder and Zimmerman's triple brought

A UNIQUE CLUB.

Praise for the Nationals by New York Writer.

O'BRIEN.

single to right in the eleventh inning | No one will blame the Yanks for losing During the last five minutes of practice enabled Detroit to defeat St. Louis, 3 Saturday's wrangle. Any time this In fact, with Cashion going good its

McGillicuddy show, friend writer is in no form to opine. But Philadelphia National

Leaguers say that the Athletics are betfired aggressiveness, shot with red pep-None like it. In days gone by an organization at times boasted of one clown, but

sport two funmakers. Marceline Schaefer and Slivers Altrock have really handed New York quite a number of hearty laughs. In fact, all the Nationals need to outdraw the big circus s Dexter Fellows for press agent. New York might profit at the coaching the final game of the series from Chi- end. Never since its organization has the New York American League club been ners. Maybe Ezra Midkiff and Jack Leli-

HANS WAGNER OUT FOR WEEK. walked Schalk. This was followed by Pirate Shortstop Still Troubled With His Injured Knee.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 21.-Capt. Hans Wagner of the Pirates will be out His injured knee was in such shape when

"Bonesetter" Reese, the veteran consulting doctor to ball players, told "the flying Dutchman" that it would be better for him to play and limber up. But Manager Clarke and Wagner decided that it would be safest to follow the advice of the doctor and rest.

NATIONAL BOWLERS

and Noack in the Singles. ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 21.-The |

standing of the leaders in the National Bowling Association's tournament today

Five-man teams-Bronx Centrals, New York, 2,938; Slippery Elms, Rochester, It is hard to tell just what kind of 2,890; Maltops, Rochester, 2,881. York, 1,259; Finzer-Heidt, Rochester, vals, and the strength of college teams majority of the successful hurlers. 1,252; Hetzel-Curtis, Trenton, N. J., 1,231, is seldom the same two years in suc-Individual-Noack, Newark, N. J., 686; cession. The only comparison that can Janswick, Bridgeport, 675; O'Connell, Newburg, 664.

Miller Huggins' Father Dead. CINCINNATI. Ohio, April 21.-James T. Huggins, father of Miller Huggins, in strength to what the visiting club will manager of the St. Louis National base be. Thursday the A and M. nine will

needed. Chicago won from Cincinnati Smith and Willard Matched. SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Gunboat one of the strongest organizations in Smith and Jess Willard, heavyweights, have been matched for a twenty-round the exception of Catholic University it-

bout to be held here May 17, according to announcement made last night. Mohawks Win Two Games. The Mohawk A. C. won two games on

and was forced out. Bescher singled southeast yesterday, the first from the dall Greeners have been making an example and Zimmerman threw Tinker's grounder Brooklands, 16 to 1, and the second from cellent showing, and the Farmers have the Trojans by 16 to 4. pitching of Young and the batting of him home. Zimmerman scored on Saier's Fields, Hayden and Weaver. For games address Capt. Fields, 1243 E street south-

COLLEGE TEAMS HAVE BUSY WEEK

C. and Gallaudet Have Hard Games Scheduled.

DOUBLE-HEADER FOR HIGH SCHOOL NINES

Western Meets Technical and Central Plays Eastern Saturday at League Park.

BY H. C. BYRD.

finish the games they have booked for of this week, respectively, but it has bee blessed with artful squawking at the cor- the next few days in a creditable manner arranged to play Saturday. they will have accomplished much that will deserve commendation.

Tomorrow the Lebanon Valley nine is

kind of a team. There is the chance even greater interest in the contest. that it will be represented by an aggrecollege nine a close rub for victory, and Raleigh school generally puts out a base

The last two games of the week will the team leaves for New Haven, where will play Yale Friday afternoon.

games. The first is booked with the a team that it will be, since it has He has speed, a good curve, and a be had this spring is the fact that Lafayette won from the Carolinans, and Catholic University beat Lafayette easily. While, of course, comparative scores are not indicative of rea! strength. This instances, at least, shows that the Catholic University nine is not inferior CINCINNATI, April 21.—Making each ball team, died suddenly at his home here of their three hits count when they were vesterday. He was sixty-three years old. opponent. The Trinity College nine of North Carolina is booked to play Saturday, and, judging by the scores it has been making against other teams, it Is

dallaudet are scheduled to meet Wednesday. The Gallaudet nine will go to College Park for the game. It is the contest which was to have been played last Saturday a week ago, but which was its home grounds at 17th and D streets postponed on account of rain. The Kennot been doing poor work by any means. The contest should be well played, with The features of the games were the the odds somewhere about even. One other important affair in which the M. A. C. nine is to figure is a game with St. John's. That the Farmers are going up against a tough proposition is certain from the fact that the Annapolis team got away with Naval Academy by a score of 5 to 0 Saturday. The game is

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attractive scholastic bill scheduled for Saturday afternoon at American League Park. A double-header will be staged, both games being in the regular high school series. The first game will take

place between Technical and Western, and The local college base ball teams are the second will be played between East-The game between Western and Technical will be of especial moment and wil of contests to play. The Blue and Gray great rivalry that has sprung up between s scheduled to meet four teams, and at the two nines in the past two years. last and deciding game in the champion-

team, and now that Western again seems to appear here. It may have almost any to have the stronger nine there will be Eastern, should result in a victory for Central if its showing against Gallaudet can be taken as a criterion. Eastern, AUTO SUPPLIES third-rate organization. Wednesday the the game from Eusiness, is hardly strong Georgetown has a mighty difficult prop-

it is considered that it does not have an Since Fienle showed in the Virginia game evidence the fact that his arm has enbe played in the north. Thursday night tirely recovered from its early lameness, Saturday it will go to Hartford to terial. McCarthy, who is playing regumeasure strength with the Trinity Col- larly in the outfield, has really shown lege. If Georgetown wins any of the more consistently as a pitcher than any last three games it will be only after man on the team. Every time he has t has put up as good or a better article started or been placed in a game he has Catholic University will play three that figured largely in the showing made against Harvard. If developed solely as University of South Carolina tomorrow. a pitcher, McCarthy would undoubtedly prove himself a star in college base ball,

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